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PRESS RELEASE

United States Attorney Glenn T. Suddaby announced today that **MICHAEL G. ABBATELLO**, age 26, of New Paltz, New York, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Court Judge Lawrence E. Kahn, to be imprisoned for 33 months, to be followed by supervised release for 3 years, 50 hours community service, and a \$100 special assessment. **ABBATELLO** had previously pled guilty to a two count Information charging him in Count 1 with knowingly and intentionally possessing, in and affecting commerce, a firearm, after having previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2); and in Count 2 with possession with intent to distribute and distribute cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

The conviction is based on sales by **ABBATELLO**, who is a convicted felon, of a number of handguns, a rifle, ammunition, and cocaine in February, March, and April 2007.

This prosecution resulted from a joint investigation conducted by the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; Drug Enforcement Administration, the Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team (Urgent), and the Ulster County District Attorney's Office.

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